

# FIGHTS THIEVES ON 19TH FLOOR OF SKYSCRAPER

Aged Watchman in Century  
Building Foils Plot to  
Loot Office Safes.

FOOLS TWO BURGLARS.

He Refuses to Give Up Keys  
After Being Beaten and  
Chloroformed.

Two burglars in an effort to get the keys to offices of many brokers and bankers in the Century Building, No. 71 Broadway, beat Richard E. Gray, an aged watchman, with an iron bar and then attempted to chloroform him. All this occurred on the nineteenth floor of the building, where the cries of the old man could not be heard in the street, and when the only other person in the skyscraper was a cleaner on the first floor.

A former employee of one of the banks in the building is reported to have said that this man, after his discharge, became intimate with a professional safe-breaker. The bank where he was employed is equipped with burglar alarms, and the only safe way to gain entrance to the bank was to get the keys.

The detectives say that had the men got into the bank and opened the safe, the robbery would have collapsed. The robbery of the old Manhattan Bank years ago.

The burglars are supposed to have got into the building last night some time between 7 and 11 o'clock. While the building closes at 7 and no one is allowed to enter, a number of the offices are open until 11 o'clock. Last night all closed at that hour.

The police are of the opinion that the robbers either got in before 7 o'clock and hid in some of the offices until the time was ripe for them to attack the watchman, or else they slipped by the front door, representing themselves as employees in some of the offices open at night.

Front Door Closed.

When the last office was darkened, old man Gray closed the front door. The only other man supposed to be in the building was Timothy Flynn, a cleaner employed in the office of a banker on the first and second floors.

For the use of the old watchman one of the elevators is kept running during the night. Gray's custom is to ride from floor to floor on the elevator and wind the watchman's clocks, some of which are in offices and others in halls. Some time after midnight Gray had got to the nineteenth floor, when suddenly two men sprang at him as he came from an office. One told him to get on his hands and knees and the other struck him across the face with a chisel.

Felled With Bar.

"Now give up the keys to every office," one of the men commanded.

Blood was flowing over the old man's face, and so weak was he from pain that he could not rise to his feet. He was game to the core, however. There was not a key to an office in the building that was not tucked away in his pocket.

"I haven't got any keys," he said. "I haven't got a single key. If you don't believe me, kill me and search me. I don't mind dying. Only make it quick, and don't beat me like this." This speech displeased one of the men and he brought his fist down on the helpless old watchman's head, and the next instant one thrust a bottle of chloroform under his nose.

As Gray explained afterward, the chloroform seemed to alleviate his pain and give him strength. He struck the thief and knocked it from the man's hand. Then he tried to rise, but a blow from the iron bar sent him to his knees again.

"Haven't you got those keys now?" asked the man.

"No, and I never have had them. They don't trust the likes of me with keys to the banks," said Gray.

The old man's condition seemed to catch one of the robbers with pity.

"Say," he said to his companion, "don't beat him any more. He hasn't got the keys. Give the old guy a handkerchief to tie up his head."

The men then took his companion's handkerchief and bound it about old Gray's head.

The two men then started for the elevator. Gray got to his feet and tried to follow them when one of them sprang at him and knocked him sprawling.

"Now you try that, and it will be your finish. You stay here and we will find the way out," he said, and then

sent the elevator shooting to the ground floor, and the two ran to the street, unlocking the safety latch on the front door.

Victim at Hospital.

Gray, leaving a trail of blood, walked down the nineteenth floor and, hiding the keys, went to the street. He found Police. James Keane and reported the attack. Gray was hurried to Hudson Street Hospital, where his wounds were sewed up. Then he announced: "I must get back to my post."

He gave an accurate description of the two robbers. One of them, he said, was about twenty-five years old, slim of build, smooth shaven, with light hair and wearing a dark blue suit. The other man was about twenty-two, also clean shaven, about two inches shorter than his companion. He wore a dark suit of clothes and a derby hat. Both men were well dressed.

"This is only more hard luck for me," said old Gray. "I used to be a rich grocery keeper in Ireland. I was ruined by Land League troubles and came to this country in 1896 with my four children. First my son, Thomas, then twenty-four, on whom I had spent a fortune in education, died. Then my daughter, Mary, died. Then my wife, much to like for now. It seems a pity these robbers didn't finish me."

**BROKER W. R. BOGERT, OF CONSOLIDATED, HALTS.**

The suspension of W. R. Bogert, a member of the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange, was announced on the floor of this institution today.

Mr. Bogert has been in the commission business for a number of years with offices at No. 42 New Street, doing business individually. He has been a member of the Exchange since 1899, was one of the prominent and popular traders on the floor and a member of the Board of Governors.

It is claimed that the suspension is due to the failure of some of his clients to respond to margin calls during the recent decline in the market, which was helped on by the break yesterday. Mr. Bogert hopes to resume business in a short time. Nothing could be learned as to his liabilities.

## ANYONE CAN MIX THE PRESCRIPTION

Tells of Home Made Mixture  
to Cure Kidneys, Bladder,  
and Rheumatism.

A large health publication tells its readers of a number of simple and safe prescriptions that can be made at home. The following, however, for the cure of rheumatism and kidney and bladder troubles receives the greatest praise, viz: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. These simple, harmless ingredients can be obtained at any good prescription pharmacy at little cost and are mixed by shaking well in a bottle.

The dose for adults is a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime, drinking a full tumblerful of water after each dose. It is further stated that this prescription is a positive remedy for kidney trouble and lame back, weak bladder and urinary difficulties, especially of the elderly people, and one of the best things to be used in rheumatic affections, relieving the aches and pains and reducing swellings in just a short while.

A well-known local druggist states that this mixture acts directly upon the eliminative tissues of the kidneys; cleanses these sponge-like organs and gives them power to sift and strain the poisonous waste matter and uric acid from the blood, which is the cause of rheumatism. Cut this out and hand to some sufferer, which would certainly be an act of humanity.

## Coffee Sale

One Week Only.

Mail and Telephone Orders Filled.

**M. J. S. Blend Coffee**

Equal Quality Elsewhere, 32c.

Our Regular Price, 26c.

SALE PRICE:

5 lb. delivered Manhattan, Brooklyn and Bronx, 24c.

Black, Green or Mixed

Regular Price, 60c;

Sale Price, 50c.

Single Pounds Delivered with Coffee.

ACCOUNTS INVITED.

**Gillies COFFEE Company**

233, 235, 237 and 239 Washington St.

bet. Park Place & Barclay St. Estab. 1840.

## \$6.50 Corsets at \$4.75

ODDS and ends of Domestic and French Corsets, slightly soiled, in broche and silk; also French cutlery, long hip and back; medium and high bust, up-to-date shapes. Every pair guaranteed to fit. Sizes 18 to 30.



## Millinery Hints for Friday and Saturday.

For Main and Second Floor.

INSPECT our Millinery styles if nothing else, for they will give you the absolutely correct fashion trend.

## Women's Dress and Street Hats—

With a wealth of style and high-class merchandise.

More than equal to \$15 Hats. Special.

50c Tartan Checks and Plaids at 49c

Bright, cheerful plaids, blue and green Pekin stripes, neat checks in all the most wanted new Fall colors.

\$1.25 50-inch Broadcloth at \$1.00

Twenty of the most wanted Fall and Winter colors, including black.

Untrimmed Hats

for Women, Misses and Children.

Every shape and quality which is desirable in the Untrimmed Hat world can be found here. Silk Velvet Hats, Hatters' Plush Hats, Satin Hats, Brush-Fur Hats, Felt Hats in all qualities.

Splendid range of shapes mostly exclusive with us, at

\$1.25, \$1.62 and \$1.98

Black Satin Hats ..... \$3.75 each.

Line Silk Velvet Hats ..... \$3.75 each.

Misses' Felt Hats—From France, England and America, in fine qualities and beautiful colorings. \$1.48, \$1.62 to \$3.25

Don't think of bowing up your

Ribbons for Children's Hats.

We have four expert bow-makers to save you the trouble. They will suggest or take your ideas. No charge for ideas or the labor involved.

## Friday Sale of Misses' \$25 Messaline Princess Dresses, \$19.75

For Third Floor.

TO effect in your favor an economy of this magnitude we purchased the materials in large volume and had them made up on contract from our own models under our direct supervision. Had we bought these princess dresses in the regular way, you would probably have had to pay twenty-five dollars.

These misses' princess dresses are made of excellent quality messaline, in delicate pastel shades, such as pink, blue, white, and rose, elaborately trimmed with fine quality Val lace and chiffon; full lace sleeve made in the new kimono effect; skirt full plaited with deep fold.

As illustrated

\$19.75

regularly \$25

This item is but one instance of the really remarkable values prevailing throughout our misses' outer apparel sections at this season.

Enamelled Bed--Spring & Mattress

Complete--Friday at \$16.75

For Fourth Floor.

THE Beds are made like illustration with 1 1/2 inch continuous posts, heavy laterals and fancy Brass scroll fittings on head and foot board—4-ft. and 4-6 sizes. Also

one full size strong iron spring made of heavy tubing and closely woven wire—one fibre combination mattress covered with satin finish ticking. Friday price of complete bed

\$16.75

\$30.00 Dresser or Chiffonier, \$21.50

Made of quartered oak or bird's-eye maple, Toona mahogany, highly polished, swell front and shaped French legs, fitted with extra large oval mirror.

\$10.50 Hair Mattress at \$7.75

All mixed hair mattress—full 40 lbs., made to fit any size bed; best workmanship and covered in excellent grade of A. C. A. ticking.

39 Wilton Velvet Rugs (size 9x12), Sold

Usually at \$19.75, for Friday \$17.95

For Fourth Floor.

GREAT Rug news this, for in the Rug special offered for Friday is embodied one of the greatest opportunities to buy a fine, well-wearing Wilton Velvet

Rug at a saving that has come about in months.

The collection includes two very new designs in colors suitable for Library, Foyer, Dining-Room, Den and Bedrooms—Offered in this special Friday rug sale at the extraordinary price of.....

regularly \$19.75

These rugs are guaranteed absolutely perfect in every respect.

\$8.25 Axminster Rugs (4 1/2 x 6 1/2) at \$7.65

Oriental and floral designs are included, suitable for dens, libraries and sitting-rooms.

Men's \$18 Fall Suits, Top Coats and

Overcoats, To-morrow at \$12.50.

For Second Floor.

PLANS for this sale were laid on good foundation—two

of the biggest clothing manufacturers in the country

received special contracts in consideration of a good-sized

price-discount to make to our order a quantity of Fall Suits and Overcoats that we might offer at \$12.50.

In consequence of this we can justly say that you are offered the

greatest opportunity that has come about this season to supply your

clothing needs at a great saving.

Fall Suits of

Worsted

Tweeds

Cheviots

Cashmeres

Black Ribbets

In plain colors and fancy mixtures. Coats in single and double breasted styles; all sizes.

Top Coats of

Tan Cover (silk lined.)

Black Ribbet

Fancy Gray

Tan Cover—serge lined all sizes.

Cut full and excellently tailored. The best Top Coats offered to-day at the price.

\$12.50

worth to \$18.

Men's Overcoats (new styles) of

Black, Gray and Oxford Frieze, guaranteed all wool; all excellently tailored, with tight-fitting collar and long, loose back; lined with good quality Italian serge.

300 Men's \$4 Full Dress Vests at \$1.95.

The sample stock of Full Dress Vests from one of New York's foremost

manufacturers was purchased by us at less than cost of material, and we therefore offer them for \$1.95, which is actually less than wholesale cost.

Your selection of the following materials—French, Pique, Birdseye, Honeycomb and fancy Mercerized materials, all made double breasted.

Our Special Head-Form Hats for Men, \$2

All the New Blocks, Shapes and Colors, \$2

## RESTAURANT EIGHTH FLOOR Simpson Crawford Co. SIXTH AV. 19<sup>th</sup> TO 20<sup>th</sup> STREET, NEW YORK.

## 5,000 yds. of 1.25 All-Wool Tailor Suitings at 89c

THIS constitutes the premier dress goods offering for Friday, but the Simpson-Crawford dress goods stock as a whole is worthy of emphatic comment, for never were assortments broader, designs more novel and beautiful, and never has Simpson-Crawford pricing shown more clearly the buying advantages we offer.

This collection of all-wool Tailor Suitings contains the very smartest patterns that have come out for this season—such as beautiful Pekin stripes, oblong checks, dressy plaids and fancy mixtures. They are fifty-four inches wide and with a fine rich finish, which makes them as dressy as any broadcloth. All the most beautiful new color combinations are included. For Friday's sale special at, yard

89c & \$1.00 Fancy Plaids and Suitings at 69c

All this season's designs in rich dark color effects in both Pekin stripes, neat checks and Tartan plaids; medium weight.

65c Tartan Checks and Plaids at 49c

Bright, cheerful plaids, blue and green Pekin stripes, neat checks in all the most wanted new Fall colors.

\$1.25 50-inch Broadcloth at \$1.00

Twenty of the most wanted Fall and Winter colors, including black.

89c Value \$1.25

\$1.75 56-inch Tourist Cloakings at \$1.19

All this season's most desirable color combinations in checks and overplaids. Desirable for auto coats and children's school wear.

\$1.00 Black Canvas Panama at, yard, 59c

Pure all wool, firm, even weave, perfect jet black; medium weight, suitable for all purposes.

\$1.00 Black Tailor Voile at, yard, 78c

Firm, crisp mesh; wiry and serviceable; perfect jet black.

New Lace Neckwear Samples at Half and Less.

THUS you are offered a great opportunity to secure beautiful Lace garnitures for day or evening dress at small cost, for included are Lace Coat Sets, Yokes, Coat Collars, Stocks, Round Collars, Sets with Stocks, Sets with Turnovers, Chemisettes, etc., in Fillet Lace effects combined with Irish, Venise and Baby Irish Laces; also embroidered Net effects.

The very same styles in Lace Neckwear that you will see in other stores a month or two from now, when regular lines come in from abroad, but our sale prices are a third below what every store handling this Neckwear will have to charge when the regular lines are placed on sale. All the new shapes and all the new Laces are represented in this collection of samples.

for Beautiful Lace Neckwear worth up to 75 cents. 25c

for Beautiful Lace Neckwear worth up to \$1.50. 50c

for Beautiful Lace Neckwear worth up to \$2.00. 75c

for Lace Neckwear worth up to \$2.50. \$1.00

Infants' Slips at 98c

For Second Floor.

INFANTS' Slips, five pretty styles, one with French knots and leather stitching, bishop style; one with yoke, hemstitching and French knots, edged with dainty Val lace.

made of fine soft nainsook.

Fancy Worsted Jacques, 50c and \$1.95

White with pink and blue and all white; the daintiest little styles.

Baby Caps, \$2.50 and \$2.95

Those styles of handsome Baby Caps, made of heavy corded silk

chiffon ruchings; wide ribbon ties.

Baby Long Coats, \$1.95 and \$2.50

Of Bedford cord, large collars, trimmed with wide lace and dainty ribbons; three or four styles.

\$1.98 for the \$3 Coat; \$2.50 for the \$5 Coat.

\$2 Silk and Studded Elastic

Parisian Belts, 95c and \$1.45

For Main Floor.

TWO distinct Paris models, in silk and studded

elastic belts, in all the newest colorings such as

purple, golden brown, the new greens, as well as plain black and white.

The silk elastic belts come in the new widths—two and three inches wide—and the studded belts are cut with still or sparkling jet.

The true values are \$2; to-morrow at \$1.45 and 95c

Smart New Silk Taffeta Belts, 50c and \$1.

Empire and tailored effects, extremely stylish and well made copies of the \$2 Paris models.

## Manufacturers' Sample Waist Sale, \$3.50 and \$3.95 Each.

For Second Floor.

COMPRISING Laces, Nets, Silks, etc. There are no

Waists in the lot worth less than \$4.50, and the

greater number are worth from \$5 to \$6 each. Not all

sizes, or many of one style, but all very excellent values,

and should serve to crowd our Waist Section on the

Second Floor.

Fine Lawn Waists—

Trimmed front and back with Val. Lace and

embroidered medallions; three-

quarter sleeve. Special..... \$2.25

Pony Coat Sweaters—

In white, red and oxford; double breasted,

collarless, side pockets. Look like

a \$5 garment, at..... \$3.45

Dressy Lace Waists—

All made of Cluny and Val. Lace—kimono

effect, ruffled sleeve. Looks like

a \$7 waist, at..... \$5.75

## Simpson-Crawford Co. Bargain Basement.

Basement Sale—  
Women's New Trimmed  
Hats, \$3.95 and \$4.98.

For Basement.

FIVE HUNDRED brand

new Trimmed Hats,

with style and materials that will

suit the most fastidious. We are

very proud of our popular-priced

Hats. This new department in

the Basement has made very

many new friends, because we

give you more style and real good